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In Re Application of:

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Title: ORAL DELIVERY OF ADENO-ASSOCIATED VIRAL VECTORS

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.111

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed April 16, 2003, with a shortened statutory period of three months for response. Accordingly, a three-month extension of time in which to respond is requested and a petition and fee therefor accompany this response. Reconsideration of the application in view of the following amendments and remarks is respectfully requested.

Accompanying Documents

Accompanying this response are formal drawings.

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AMENDMENT

In the Specification:

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 13 as follows:

Adeno-associated virus (AAV) vectors have been proposed and patented as vectors for expressing gene products in animals. See, for example, U.S. patent No. 5,193,941, issued 18 August 1992, WO 9413788, as well as U.S. ~~serial Nos. 08/277,319, the last application arising from the laboratory of the present inventor~~ patent No. 6,180,613, filed June 6, 1995. A number of patents and other publications describe numerous AAV vectors and their uses, the uses generally being related to expression of gene products either in vitro (usually tissue cultures) or in vivo (usually in the lungs or oral mucosa, the normal sites of AAV infection, although U.S. ~~application serial No. 08/277,319~~ patent No. 6,180,613 relates to expression in the central nervous system).